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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Special Activities

SUBJECT: Mission C216C Flown on 26 November 1966

1. This is a preliminary post mission intelligence summary concerning Mission C216C. This summary is based largely on information provided by the field detachment. When all the COMINT, ELINT, and photographic data is available, a more definitive report will be prepared.

2. Mission C216C took off at 0230Z and landed safely at its base at 0633Z. The mission was aborted at point R because of overheating in System 13C. No surface-to-air missiles were encountered but there were several fighter interceptor reactions as expected. It appears that the fighters were scrambled from Luchiao, Ningpo, and Chiehien. There may have been scrambles from Hangchow and Nanchang. None of these airfields are MIG-21 bases. However, all of the bases have some MIG-19's as well as older model MIG-17's.

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3. Of the 23 COMOR targets probably about half were photographed. Four of the seven high priority targets were probably photographed. However, it should be noted that of these the most important were probably covered. These are the airfields at Luchiao, Ningpo, and Chiehien; the important naval base at Hou So Cheng--one of the most important to US intelligence--and the two suspect cruise missile sites on the coast between Luchiao and Ningpo. The only targets of more than routine interest which were not overflown were the two airfields in the Nanchang area and Liencheng Airfield.

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